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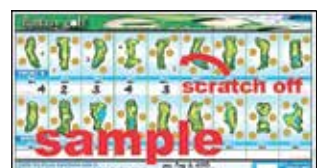
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Eversource project approved

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – The Bynan Conservation Area in South Hadley will be impacted next year during Eversource Energy’s line 113 structure replacement project.

The Conservation Commission voted unanimously to approve the project with numerous conditions, most prominently that Eversource provide \$2,100 to mitigate the expected loss of trees. The money will also be used to control motorized access to the conservation area.

For years, motorized vehicles have illegally operated on the conservation area. Members of the commission voiced their collective fear that temporary access roads created during the project could enable further vehicular trespassing.

The project will stretch between the Fairmont substation in Chicopee and Montague substation in Turner Falls.

“There are a total of 17 structures within South Hadley that

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Photo by Dalton Zbierski

Eversource Energy’s Line 113 structure replacement project will impact the Bynan Conservation Area in South Hadley next year. The South Hadley Conservation Commission voted unanimously on Sept. 16 to approve the project under numerous stipulations.

South Hadley in “grey zone”

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – In its battle against COVID-19, South Hadley continues to trend in the right direction, as new cases are becoming less prevalent. Emergency Management/Health Director Sharon Hart shared an encouraging development during the Sept. 22 meeting of the Selectboard.

“We have had just one [new] case in the past 21 days so that’s really good news,” she said. “On the map, we’re now in the grey. There’s four levels; grey, green, yellow and red. Grey is the lowest, and we reached it.”

Last month, South Hadley spiked into the “red zone” after 28 new cases were reported over a two-week span. Throughout the year, South Hadley has reported 213 confirmed cases and 215 contact cases of the novel coronavirus.

As the cold and flu seasons approach, the town is stepping its effort up further. Hart announced that an upcoming out-

door clinic held in conjunction with Walgreens will offer flu testing.

“We’re finalizing [the details] now; working with Walgreens,” she said. “We’re hoping to have a pre-registration, and people would at that point give their insurance information. It would be a drive through. There are two pharmacists available; they would be able to get a person on each side of the vehicle if necessary.”

Hart also announced that the Dept. of Public Health has allowed local establishments to resume bar seating. Groups must still be separated by a six-foot distance; Hart shared more details.

“There’s nobody actually behind the bar. So, there’s a protocol that’s going to be coming out on that,” she said. “If someone is behind the bar, they would have to have a 30-inch Plexiglas between them and whoever is seated at the bar.”

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Granby selectboard to interview candidates for fire chief

By Melina Buurdeau
Staff writer

GRANBY – The selectboard is continuing the process to get an interim fire chief after voting the acting Fire Chief, Bruce Carpenter, hold off on his retirement until Nov. 14.

In its meeting on Monday, the selectboard unanimously approved appointing Carpenter as fire services assistant administrator.

With the vote Carpenter will continue working for the town, Town Administrator Secretary Cathy Leonard told the board.

“Right now...he couldn’t wear a uniform or anything else (after he retires),” Leonard said.

Appointing him to the position of fire services assistant administrator will keep him ‘at the desk’ according to Leonard.

Leonard told the board they needed a date for the term to end.

Since June 1, Carpenter, who was previously deputy chief, has been working as acting chief of the department, however he no-

tified the board in early August that he would be retiring in September.

Selectboard Chair Glenn Sexton suggested Nov. 14, which would give the board a couple of months to get a replacement.

“If we need to extend it or retract it for a sooner date, we can do that as well,” he said. “Time-wise the town needs to have a term limit.”

The board unanimously approved the motion.

Sexton then informed the board that five resumes were submitted for the position.

“We’ll need to review those and set a schedule for that and discuss the candidates,” Sexton said.

Sexton said he was open to doing interviews with all five candidates or narrowing the pool of candidates from five down to three first.

Selectboard member Jennifer Silva said she believed the board

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Granby receives COVID-19-related grants

School District recently applied for more

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

GRANBY – It is expected that the Granby school district will receive approximately \$270,000 in additional revenue for fiscal year 2021, funding made possible by numerous grants that were created to cover COVID-19 expenses.

During the Sept. 8 meeting of the Granby School Committee, Granby Public Schools Business Director Adam Tarquini outlined the monies that have been applied for and received by the district.

Following a meeting of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee, Tarquini shared information that he previously examined with subcommittee members Jennifer Mallette and Emre Evren, the School Committee Chair.

“Emre, Jen and myself had met [on Sept. 3] and among other things discussed the revenue that either we have received so far or have applied for and are waiting to be awarded for Covid money” said Tarquini. “We thought it might be a good idea to clear up some of the confusion as to these grants that we talk about.”

Tarquini stated that the district has already received a sum from the Remote Learning Technology Essentials Grant. The grant was distributed to 253 school districts in Massachusetts to ensure that students have adequate access to technology to be used both in the classroom and at home.

“We applied for about \$65,000 worth and we got \$41,000 worth. We’re going to use that revenue to pay for some of the [students] who [will use] technology that we have already purchased to get remote learning up and going for the year,” said Tarquini, estimating on Sept. 8 that the district had spent approximately \$70,000

on technology entering the school year.

Under Tarquini’s lead, the district also applied for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, which was signed into law on March 27 as part of the first round of the federally approved stimulus package. Tarquini expects the district will receive \$69,773 to be spent on technology and personal protective equipment.

“The next grant that we’re awaiting is the Covid Relief Fund Grant, which was \$155,000,” added Tarquini. “We put a few things on there; we put some more PPE supplies on there and some more technology on there. We also put some additional Covid-related cleaning supplies and sanitizers, water filling stations because we’re replacing our traditional water fountains in the building and putting water filling stations in there.”

Tarquini emphasized that funding resulting from the three grants can only be used on COVID-19-related expenditures and that the district must be able to doc-

ument how and where the money will be spent.

As of Sept. 8, monies stemming from the Cares Act and the Covid Relief Fund Grant had not yet reached the district. That said, Tarquini is almost positive that the district will receive the allocations soon.

“We’re just awaiting the official award of that money,” he said. “We should receive them. These were per pupil; they gave about \$225 per pupil based on enrollment. This is where the allocations come from. It’s from the first round of stimulus packages.”

Evren seconded Tarquini’s statement. While he would not guarantee that the district will be awarded the funding, Evren is also confident.

“We submitted these well before the deadlines so that we would not miss any opportunities. Hopefully, we’ll get these,” he said.

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State grant awarded to Granby

GRANBY — Granby has received a \$34,272 “Action Grant” to implement climate change resilience projects through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program, according to the state on Sept. 14.

The grant is for resilient regulatory work and refocusing on climate resilience pathway in the town master plan.

The state MVP program provides communities with technical support, climate change data and planning tools to identify hazards and develop strategies to improve resilience.

Senator Eric Lesser, Representative Mindy Domb and Representative Daniel R. Carey welcomed the announcement.

“This grant will make our community stronger, help prepare our local leader and give necessary support to the town in their efforts to include climate resilience in their roadmap for Granby,” Lesser said. “MVP funding helps prepare municipalities, our first responders and our public

works teams to plan for the negative effects of climate change and rebuild their communities stronger.”

“I am excited that Granby is benefiting from this important program both to begin the planning process around climate change resiliency, strengthening our infrastructure and prioritizing its projects accordingly,” said Rep. Domb. “I’m thrilled to partner with both Senator Lesser and Representative Carey to support Granby being included in this program and receiving the support and resources it needs to plan to undertake this important work.”

Carey added it’s important for towns in the western part of the state access funding.

“Getting state funds here in western Mass is so important as we collaborate with state and local officials to address the climate change needs right here in our community,” said Rep. Carey.

USDA extends WIC COVID-19 flexibilities

STATE – The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the extension of more than a dozen flexibilities ensuring participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children continue receiving the food and health support they need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

USDA’s proactive extension of these waivers throughout the national public health emergency will ensure nutritionally at-risk mothers, babies and children receive the critical nutrition benefits and services they count on in a safe manner while allowing the program to operate based on local conditions throughout the pandemic.

“USDA has been extremely steadfast in offering flexibilities to ensure Americans in need continue to receive food assistance during COVID-19. President Trump has demonstrated his commitment to supporting Americans in need during the pandemic and setting them up for success as our nation reopens and recovers,” said Secretary Sonny Perdue. “WIC provides vital services to new and expectant mothers, infants, and children

postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children under five who are determined by health professionals to be at nutritional risk.

USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service has made maximum use of existing program flexibilities and the waiver authority provided by Congress to make it as easy as possible for children and families to participate in WIC– and all of the department’s nutrition assistance programs – during the COVID-19 health emergency.

The WIC waivers being extended allow for: participants to be approved for WIC without being physically present in a local office; remote issuance of benefits to any participant; flexibility in food package requirements, including dairy, grains, vegetables, and infant foods; and additional options for pick-up of food packages.

More information on the WIC waivers extended today, along with those that have been approved since the start of COVID-19, is available at www.fns.usda.gov/coronavirus and on Twitter at @USDANutrition.

United Way will bring school supplies to all homeless students

SPRINGFIELD – United Way of Pioneer Valley (UWPV) is excited to announce backpacks full of school supplies will be provided to all 2,600 students who are homeless in the service area of Hampden County, Granby and South Hadley. Thanks to funding from MassMutual, the program have been able to expand the scope of “Stuff the Bus” and bring help to the students who need it most.

“I am thrilled to work with MassMutual to help what matters most – our chil-

dren, who are suffering greatly in these difficult times,” said Paul Mina, President and CEO of the United Way of Pioneer Valley.

United Way of Pioneer Valley mobilizes people and resources to strengthen our communities. We target the community’s most pressing needs and focus resources, community partnerships and the energy of volunteers to create measurable results.

For more information, visit uwpv.org.

Girl Scouts offer free in-person and virtual animal dance parties

HOLYOKE - Girl Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts (GSCWM) is hosting free Animal Dance Parties to introduce girls in kindergarten through fourth grade to the world of Girl Scouts. Girls might imagine themselves as a bird, a bug, or an elephant as they learn about animals and move their bodies. It’s a free and fun way for girls and their families to get to know Girl Scouts.

Parents or caregivers can choose an in-person date at one of four Girl Scout camps or either Girl Scout Leadership Center or any one of six virtual parties that is convenient for them. In-person events will follow all COVID-19 safety protocols including face coverings and social distancing.

While girls enjoy the party, parents and caregivers get to know the Girl Scout program and how it can supercharge a girl’s life.

Find more information and RSVP online or call 413-584-2602 or 508-365-0115 with questions.

Virtual Animal Dance Parties 6 to 7 p.m.: Thursday, Oct. 1, Wednesday, Oct. 7, Tuesday, Oct. 13, Tuesday, Oct. 20, Tuesday, Oct. 27

In-person Animal Dance Parties Saturdays at 10 am and 1 p.m. all locations

Camp Bonnie Brae, Otis: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24.

Camp Lewis Perkins, South Hadley: Oct. 10

Camp Laurel Wood, Spencer: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24


Camp Green Eyrie, Harvard: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24

Worcester Leadership Center–Sept. 26 Oct. 10, and Oct. 24

Holyoke Leadership Center– Sept. 26 and Oct. 24

Without the action, these essential flexibilities would have expired at the end of this month.

WIC provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support and health care referrals to low-income pregnant,



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Selectboard switches to Zoom platform

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Selectboard launched its first meeting using the Zoom platform on Tuesday.

Zoom is a virtual communication platform that has become increasingly popular during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Town Administrator Mike Sullivan complimented the work accomplished by South Hadley Community Television Studio Manager Dan Pease, Network Technician James Doolittle and Executive Asst. to Administration Kristen Maher. Sullivan aimed high words of praise in the direction of Maher.

“Kristin did a lot of research, and this isn’t an area that there’s a lot of data on or a lot of best practices so I commend Kris-

tin for the hard work she put in; it’s greatly appreciated. I’m sure that other communities will be stealing your work over the next few weeks,” said Sullivan.

During the Sept. 22 meeting, the Selectboard voted to approve policies of conduct for meetings held via Zoom. The policies were approved with the understanding that as the platform gets used, there may need to be “tweaks and that folks be understanding of that,” said Selectboard Vice Chair Sarah Etelman.

As was referenced by Etelman, the majority of boards and commissions in South Hadley will have the option to use Zoom in the near future. Etelman clarified that the policies strictly pertain to use of the online platform.

“This is a policy about using Zoom. It has nothing to do about the meeting itself,

and if anyone on a board or committee has a question about how they should be meeting or when they should be meeting or anything like that, they should contact administration or reach out to staff support and ask those questions,” said Etelman. “There’s guidance as to anything being different other than just not doing it in the same room.”

Sullivan expects other boards and committees will begin using the platform as soon as next week. He’s pleased that the board approved the policies, stating his belief that it will be critical for other town meetings to have access to Zoom while large in-person gatherings are not possible.

“We have to do some trainings and some other tasks related to rolling this out,” said Sullivan. “We’re going to learn from people using it. We’ve tried to think

of different scenarios, but something’s going to come up that we’ll never expect.”

Also during this week’s meeting, the Selectboard announced that Gov. Charlie Baker extended outdoor seating, allowing restaurants to continue outdoor eating through Dec. 31. The board voted to extend all previous permits for outdoor dining issued in 2020 through December.

“[The state] has a lot of restaurants that were interested in extending outdoor dining throughout the winter so they’ve suggested to the communities that they consider it,” said Sullivan. “If it’s going to help local restaurants, I think that the Selectboard in the past has been very supportive of trying to help local businesses.”

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South Hadley resident to participate in Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

SOUTH HADLEY – One resident from South Hadley will choose their own route on Oct. 4 for the annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Participants are encouraged to walk wherever they choose: around their neighborhood, a local hiking trail, a treadmill or anywhere else they are comfortable.

Odette Nunes-Turcotte, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in virtual programming during the Walk that aims to recreate the most inspiring elements of Walk day. While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon course,

it will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The event has raised more than \$145 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 30+ year history.

“While we can’t see everyone in person this year, we are excited for the virtual programing which will give participants the opportunity to support breakthroughs in cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,” said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. “Together, from a safe dis-

tance, we will take critical strides in the journey to conquer cancer.”

This year’s event will have a lower fundraising requirement (\$100 for adults and \$25 for those 12 years old and younger) and everyone will pay just a \$5 registration fee. Each walker who registers will receive a bib, and medal and the first 5,000 walkers to register will receive a commemorative Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

Anyone interested in additional information can reference the Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way frequently asked questions or can send an email to JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.Harvard.edu. Funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation’s pre-

mier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the present-ing sponsor since 2002.

To register to walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. You can also download The Jimmy Fund Walk App in Charity Miles. The app will allow you to track the miles you walk leading up to, and on Walk day, create a team and walk with your friends, family, and teammates, share your miles and activities via social media to boost fundraising, and see important Walk day news, content, training and fundraising challenges. Download the app here.

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9. Light dry-gap bridge system (abbr.)
13. Anatomical term
14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
15. Jewish calendar month
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Western Pacific republic
18. List of foods
19. It can strike the ground
21. Drenches
22. Some are cole
23. ___ Squad
24. Expresses emotion
25. One point east of due south
28. Satisfaction
29. Holds nothing back
31. Top of the body
33. Not well-liked

36. Did slowly
38. Greek goddess of the dawn
39. Gland secretion
41. Vital to existence
44. Aristocratic young women
45. Erik ___, composer
46. Not young
48. Jewish term for “Sir”
49. Secondary school
51. ___ student: learns to heal
52. Regarding
54. Highly excited
56. Mainly
60. Thin, narrow piece of wood
61. Cakes
62. Biomedical nonprofit
63. Dried-up
64. One who is symbolic of something
65. Body part
66. Muslim ruler
67. Women from

Mayflower
68. Notes
CLUES DOWN
1. Not us
2. Helper
3. Bleat
4. Type of chair
5. Jr.’s father
6. Necessary for certain beverages
7. Hillside
8. Dutch painter Gerrit ___
9. Gave a new look
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Confidence trick
12. Type of fund
14. From an Asian island
17. Malay boat
20. Western Australia indigenous people
21. Cluster on underside of fern frond
23. You need it to get somewhere
25. The woman

26. It may be green
27. Makes less severe
29. One from Beantown
30. Cavalry sword
32. Metric linear unit
34. Hawaiian dish
35. Yokel
37. Dissuade
40. Mutual savings bank
42. ___ Caesar, comedian
43. Primordial matters
47. We all have it
49. Hermann ___, author of “Siddhartha”
50. Historic MA coastal city
52. Shady garden alcove
53. Small amount
55. Horse-drawn cart
56. Nocturnal rodent
57. Spiritual leader
58. Air mattress
59. Speaks incessantly
61. Auction term
65. Atomic #62

ANSWERS ON PAGE 12

Notice:

South Hadley Fire District No. 1
Prudential Committee Meeting
Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.

SENIORS

South Hadley
events for elders

SOUTH HADLEY – There are two upcoming events for caregivers and older residents through WestMass ElderCare.
A Matter of Balance, a falls-prevention training program
The program begins on Thursday, Oct. 1. The class will be hosted on Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. through Oct. 29.
My life, my health: a chronic disease self-management program
The program begins on Oct. 7 and will be hosted on Zoom every Wednesday through Nov. 18 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.
All the details are in the attached flyers. Please have interested consumers register today as space is limited. Register at <https://www.wmeldercare.org/events/>.

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to Share?

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photos to
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SH COVID-19

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Town Administrator Mike Sullivan noted that DPH has released guidelines about Halloween. He considers them to be “reasonable and make sense,” adding that the town does not plan to cancel Halloween.
“We’ve been asked several times about the town of South Hadley banning trick or treating, but the Selectboard hasn’t considered that or moved on that,” he said. “I think our message has consistently been that we want people to use common sense, and it’s not a case where we’re going to overly dictate how people celebrate holidays or traditions in that respect.”
Selectboard member Andrea Miles inquired as to what protocols will govern the hayrides that will occur in South Hadley this fall.
Hart said that wagons can only be filled to half-capacity, and Sullivan assured town officials that a business plan must be filed and approved by the board.
Selectboard Vice Chair Sarah Etelman informed her colleagues that an unnamed business may already be violating the protocols in place. She stressed that she is no disciplinarian, but wanted residents to remain healthy.
“I’ve heard through the grape vine that there has been way more people on those hayrides than there should have been,” said Etelman. “Nobody wants to be mean or shut down a business or prevent a business from doing what they can do to make up some of what they’ve lost over the past six months, but we also want people to be safe and to be able to get on that ride knowing that they will be safe.”
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In the Classroom

Living through history

Local elementary students share their thoughts on COVID-19

SOUTH HADLEY – Much like the rest of the world, children have gone through the pandemic and are experiencing history being made from their homes.

Third graders from Mosier Elementary School were tasked with a writing assignment about their thoughts and feelings surrounding COVID-19, according to teacher Allyson Saul.

This poem could be in any form the students wished and submissions included haiku, acrostic, shape, free verse and rhyming poems. The assignment was created by Leah McCarthy.

By Abbi Moore
The Coronavirus

It is really hard being in quarantine.
Things you can do is watch tv, play with toys, talk to friends on camera, read and go outside.

This whole thing started around Easter 2020 and right now it is Wednesday May, 13 2020.

By Ariella Rivera

C- Coloring helps pass time
O- Outside we have to wear masks
R- We run in the backyard
O- Outside we have to keep a distance
N- Nelson and me play outside
A- Ariella likes to play inside
V- Nene lives on Virginia Drive
I- I like to draw and color
R- Nelson got roses for my mommy
U- I use the printer to print some work out
S- Sherwood is giving me school work

By Lily O'Connor

Contagious
Outrageous
Red, purple and green
On the news
Now
An obstacle

By Ethan Luce

The Corona Virus
Haiku Poem
Corona is bad.
People are getting so sick.
I wish it would go.

By Alex Renski

CoronaVirus
Stupid
Separates me and my friends
Boring
Keeps me stuck at home
Makes me do online learning
I hate it
The only topic anyone ever talks about
Not fun

By Ari Whelihan
COVID

I play with my dog Luna
I clean my room
I ride my bike
I do my homework
I feel bored
I make cupcakes
I go fishing
Watch youtube
I play video games
I play outside

COLLEGE NOTES

Holyoke Community College Dean's List for Summer 2020:

HOLYOKE – Each semester, Holyoke Community College recognizes superior scholarship through the Dean's List. A student is placed on the Dean's List if their G.P.A. is 3.2 or higher. The students listed below have earned Dean's List honors for the Summer 2020 term.

South Hadley residents Monica J. Drew, Moira Caitlyn Mihalak, Nicole Lynn Peltier and Emma Grace Pouliot.

Granby residents Lindsay Blair Kersen, Lucinda Enelda Seiffert, Daniela Tishchenko and Amelia Rose Weatherbee.

Local residents graduate from Wentworth Institute of Technology

BOSTON - The following local residents have graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, Mass.

• Blake Curtis of South Hadley

The university held a special virtual salute to its summer graduates on Aug. 16.

Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology stresses project-based, hands-on learning, with an emphasis on cooperative education and careers, community enrichment, and contributing to the economic vitality of the Greater Boston region. The nationally ranked school is recognized as a leader in engineering, technology, design and science.

Wentworth has some 19 bachelor's degree programs in areas such as architecture; construction management; mechanical, biomedical and civil engineering; and computer science. It offers master's degrees in in applied computer science, architecture, civil engineering, construction management, facility management, and technology management.

Bryant University Class of 2020: Resilient. Innovative. Prepared for Success.

SMITHFIELD, RI – Bryant University is pleased to recognize the Class of 2020 who have completed their undergraduate studies to earn a Bryant University degree, one which has more value now than at any time in Bryant's history. These 757 graduates join a powerful network of more than 50,000 accomplished alumni who are inspired to excel and make a difference as leaders in their organizations and communities around the world.

Caroline Judge of South Hadley, earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Accounting.

Kathryn Meon of South Hadley, earned Cum Laude a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Marketing.

Bailey Ortensi of Granby, earned Cum Laude a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics & Statistics.

William Schenker of South Hadley, earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Management.

Alicia O'Brien named to Champlain College President's List

BURLINGTON, VT – Alicia O'Brien of South Hadley, who is majoring in Graphic Design and Digital Media, has been named to the Champlain College President's List for the Spring 2020 semester.

Students on the President's List have achieved a grade point average of 4.0 or higher during the semester.

Making the President's List is a tremendous achievement in any year, and the global pandemic added unprecedented challenges for all of our students who often juggle academics with many other responsibilities. We congratulate our students on this great accomplishment and honor.

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Opinion

GUEST COLUMN

Celebrating the birthday of a local legend, Johnny Appleseed

I have numerous old files from my days at Old Sturbridge Village. Occasionally I'll take a peek at some of the things I've saved. This time I was looking for a few tidbits on heirloom apple varieties, perhaps something that would work its way into a good column. It is the peak of apple season, you know. Instead I found a love story, and while this character isn't known for romance, per se, it sure makes for a good starting paragraph.

We all have heard of Johnny Appleseed. I'm not sure if we learned about him in school or if he is one of those legends that mysteriously becomes etched in our brains. In my mind's eye he is a ragamuffin of sorts, skipping to and fro across the country scattering apple seeds. I imagine how, in no time at all, the apple trees grew to be in full bloom along the cart paths, welcoming settlers as they made their way west. End of story. But who was Johnny Appleseed, and what sent him on a lifelong mission to blanket the Midwest in apple blossoms?

The man we call Johnny Appleseed was born here in Massachusetts in the town of Leominster on Sept. 26, 1774. He is the only person awarded 'folk hero' status here in our state. His given name was John Chapman. It is likely that John and his older sister, Elizabeth, grew up in the care of relatives after his mother's death from tuberculosis in 1776. His father was a Minuteman who fought at Concord and later a Revolutionary soldier in the Continental Army. Some accounts have John heading West as early as the age of 18, other stories claim him to be about 26 years old.

Johnny was a practical nurseryman, more skilled and calculated than my interpretation of him. He was also a good businessman and had a strong Christian faith. Together, these attributes wove John Chapman into a folk hero we know and love. With apple seeds from the cider mills in Pennsylvania in hand, Johnny cleared the woods to set up apple tree nurseries throughout the Midwest. A smart move, considering the law made new settlers plant 50 apple trees on their property during the first year of homesteading. He took payment for the trees he sold in whatever form was available (or not), whether it be in currency, old clothes or even food.

Johnny lived in harmony with nature without ever having a permanent place to call home. In his travels he befriended Native Americans, white settlers and animals, all the while preaching and living his religion peacefully. Reportedly, he knew many Native American languages well enough to converse, and had compassion for both his own and Native American cultures. Some stories make him out to be an herbal healer, as well as a greeter of new settlers with a variety of medicinal plants in hand. Fennel even became known as 'Johnny weed.' It becomes more apparent with each additional piece if research I find that Johnny's lifework was to be of service to others; at the same time he planted apple trees. Johnny Appleseed died at age 70 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. A monument marks his gravesite.

So what about the love story? From all accounts Johnny Appleseed traveled alone. A yellowed newspaper article stashed away in my file may give hope that Johnny's journey didn't start out that way. The story goes that John Chapman was to be married to Sar-

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Importance of everyone's vote in 2020

Letter to the editor,

Well its almost here, election 2020, a time to reflect on a year that will never be forgotten anytime soon, a year filled with sacrifice, heartache, hope, and human kindness. This past year has shown all Americans within every state of our country what happens when people rally together as one, to protect one another, to voice opinions about both justices and in some cases what seems to be an injustice.

We have seen rallies to protect our rights, we have seen marches to protect our constitution, and sadly rioting that brought more sadness to an already trying year for all of us. We have seen sporting events without fans, masks become the new norm and, days, weeks, and months, of countless support by people helping people get through this year.

We have had a mostly virtual 50th anniversary of Earth Day to bring awareness to help save our planet and create programs that are truly aimed at bringing positive changes to our future and the world.

We have seen how elected officials have come to the forefront and have shown their ability to lead and help their states and communities. Sadly, we have also seen how some elected officials just kept their focus on their agendas to further promote themselves, rather than do what they were elected to do.

It is important for everyone who is registered to vote this year to rally together as one and bring back normalcy to our country. Where we truly work together to make our country come back together as one.

Dennis Golas

The bells will be ringing

Letter to the editor

First Congregational Church of South Hadley, UCC, otherwise known as Center Church, will be remembering the 200,000 plus Americans who have died from Covid-19. Center Church will toll 20 times at 10 a.m. over 10 consecutive days beginning this Sunday, Sept. 27.

The ringing of church bells is part of an ancient tradition to mark the passing of a member of the community and is an appropriate witness in this time of unutterable losses.

According to The Church Bells of England, "The ringing of a church bell in the English tradition to announce a death is called a death knell. The pattern of striking in earlier times depended on the person who had died; for example, in the counties of Kent and Surrey in England it was customary to ring three times three strokes for a man, and three times two for a woman, with

a varying usage for children. The age of the deceased was then rung out. In small settlements this could effectively identify who had just died."

At Center Church, the ringing of the bells is to express the church's care for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones and fellow citizens. We hope that when members of our community hear the bells, they will know that their lost family, friends and neighbors are not forgotten. Rev. Nancy Taylor Minister at Old South Church, UCC, reminded us that our bells are the church's "outside voice." Let them toll signaling the dignity of each life lost and calling the church to prayer on behalf of all those who have suffered because of this terrible pandemic.

We are located at One Church Street across from the Common.

Rev. Lori J Souder,
Minister

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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A QUOTE

of NOTE
“ We’ve been asked several times about the town of South Hadley banning trick or treating, but the Selectboard hasn’t considered that or moved on that. I think our message has consistently been that we want people to use common sense, and it’s not a case where we’re going to overly dictate how people celebrate holidays or traditions in that respect. ”

Mike Sullivan in the story “South Hadley in ‘grey zone’”

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Faces & Places

Seven sisters sunset



Andy Inglot recently captured this sunset along the Mount Holyoke range.

Courtesy photo

Eagle spotted on Sept. 11



“This bald eagle stopped at TD bank on Newton Street on Friday to make a deposit,” said South Hadley resident, Dayna Doolittle. “Then hung around in the pine tree in my backyard! An amazing sight to say the least.”

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► Health & Wellness

Baystate Health and its community benefits advisory councils issue request for proposals for better together grants

Initial Letter of Intent due Friday, Oct. 23

SPRINGFIELD - Baystate Health in partnership with its Community Benefits Advisory Councils (CBAC) is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Better Together Grants.

The goal of Baystate Health's Community Benefits Program's 2020 Better Together Grants is to bring together health and community-based social service organizations across Baystate's four hospital service areas to address social determinants of health, improve health outcomes, and reduce health inequities. The aim is to develop approaches that, by targeting the

social determinants of health, will improve people's overall well-being and make our communities healthier places to live, while complementing the health care system's current services.

Applicants can submit one proposal with the proposed project aligning with the hospital's priority Social Determinant of Health:

- Baystate Franklin Medical Center: Social Environment
- Baystate Medical Center: Education
- Baystate Noble Hospital: Built environment
- Baystate Wing Hospital: Social environment

For more detailed definitions and examples of interventions for each of the above health priorities, applicants can

review the Massachusetts Department of Health (MDPH)

Determination of Need (DoN) Health Priority Guidelines at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/health-priority-0/download>.

Applicants are asked to carefully review the RFP grant guidelines prior to submitting their letter of intent, which is due Friday, Oct. 23, at 11:59 p.m.

A virtual general information session will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. All interested organizations and applicants are encouraged to register for the information session.

For those who cannot attend, the session is being recorded and will be available for access at baystatehealth.org/applyfor-funding.

All applicants who submit a Letter of

Intent in October will be invited to a second information session on Nov. 10 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in preparation for their submission of the full application in December. Final applications are due Friday, Dec. 4 at 11:59 p.m. with award decisions to be made in late Jan. 2021.

Funding for the 2020 Better Together Grants RFP is made possible through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's (MDPH) Determination of Need (DoN) Community Health Initiative (CHI) requirements related to the replacement of Baystate Medical Center's Electrophysiology Catheterization Labs approved in November 2018. more information, contact Brittney Rosario at 413-794-1801, or email governmentcommunity@baystatehealth.org.

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will be replaced, and three of those structures and work associated with five structures in South Hadley are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and the South Hadley Wetlands Protection Bylaw," said GZA Environmental Senior Project Manager Mary Brittain.

A public forum was held to discuss the development during the Conservation Commission's virtual meeting on Sept. 16, addressing how the project will affect the Bynan Conservation Area. Due to the equipment needed for the project such as cranes, pathways will be made.

"It is a very sensitive area," said South Hadley Conservation Adminis-

trator Anne Capra. "We do have a very large conservation area with a lot of rare plants. That motorized use on the road does affect us in other ways. I'd love to hear what Eversource will do to manage it."

Instead of permanent gravel, construction mats approved by the state's Department of Environmental Protection will be laid down in the conservation area. Brittain explained why the action is necessary.

"In order to do the work, Eversource needs to have safe access to the structures and safe work areas around the structures to replace these structures," she said. "Once the work is complete, the matts will be removed, and the area

will be restored. Eversource has an EMP manual they follow so erosion [prevention] measures will be installed to protect the wetlands on the other sides of those mats."

Capra directed the inquiries in the direction of Jonathan Roberge, an Eversource representative. Roberge acknowledged that a strategy to prevent motorized vehicles from accessing the conservation area and work zone has not yet been proposed but that it may not be necessary.

"Sometimes these access roads do deter ATV use because they're not as much fun to ride as it is to be sand bogging out there. This is a difficult flat stretch where gates don't work. I'm not really sure what the solution would be but am open to suggestions," said Roberge.

Pertaining to South Hadley, line 113 goes northwest to southwest from East St. in Granby to the town line on New Lud-

low Rd. As each new structure is installed, old structures will be removed.

Within the conservation area, approximately 2,700 sq. ft. of matting will be temporarily laid down. Approximately 14,000 sq. ft. of gravel work pads will be placed within the 50 to 100 ft. buffer zone relative to the conservation area.

While the project is slated to begin next year, an exact date has not yet been determined. Brittain laid out the potential timetables.

"The project is starting in February, but it could [reach South Hadley] as late as August depending on how they structure the project," she said. "It will start in August if they work from Montague South. There's a chance there will be two crews; one from the north and one from the south working towards each other. If that's the case it will be sooner than [August], but nothing will happen before Feb. 1, 2021."



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should interview three candidates rather than five.

The matter will be on the board's next meeting agenda.

Recently the selectboard heard from the officers in the fire department to get input on attributes and characteristics they hope for in the new temporary leadership.

The selectboard discussed the plan

following the termination of Granby Fire Chief John Mitchell Jr. on July 23.

During executive sessions, the board discussed Mitchell's employment with the town and determined in a July 22 executive session to terminate him, effective the next day.

Mitchell was placed on unpaid administrative leave from the Fire Department for 30 days, since June 1, according to Town Administrator Christopher Martin.

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ah Crawford. Instead, the day set aside for their wedding became the day of her funeral. She was buried in her wedding gown. A bouquet of apple blossoms was to have been her bouquet. Johnny, overcome with grief, decided to go forth and make a monument for his beloved; he would blanket the land in her favorite flower. Fact or fiction, I can't be sure. Perhaps it is another writer's attempt to put

a fairy tale beginning on a legendary life. The romantic in me hopes it to be true!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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Away fans not allowed at high school games

Limited attendance will be allowed at most high schools

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – High school athletes returned to the field for tryouts last Friday. The tryouts will continue into this week with games set to begin at the end of next week.

Nearly all of the schools in Western Massachusetts, specifically in and around the Pioneer

Valley will be full participants in the Fall 1 season, which will feature all of the fall sports with the exception of football, cheerleading, and unified basketball.

There are some schools that have opted to defer moderate risk sports like girls volleyball and soccer to the Fall 2 season in late February.

While student-athletes will have the opportunity to being playing games after a six-month layoff from most activity, fans will only be allowed to have limited participation.

David Stratton, a member of the board of directors for the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference, said the PVIAC has issued guidance and agreed that all schools in the membership will only allow for home fans at games to begin with.

Stratton said it will be up to the individual schools to govern how the crowds will be controlled, but all schools are only allowed to host fans for their own team.

Those crowds will be limited to just 50 people, per the current outdoor guidelines set by Gov.

Charlie Baker.

In many cases, players on individual teams will be given a limited number of passes, likely ranging from 1 to 3 per person, and that player will be allowed to give those passes to family or friends to attend the game. Fans who attend the games must socially distance, stay away from the participants, and wear face coverings in order to watch the games. There also could be restricted areas for seating at game sites.

Those fans will not be permitted to travel to away games

and will be turned away by other schools.

There are a few schools, either due to staffing, field configuration, or other factors, that are not allowing any fans at all to games. Ware confirmed last Thursday there will be no fans allowed at games to start the fall season. The Ware Athletic Department is hopefully to develop a plan as the season progresses so some fans can be welcomed back to fields.

The rules will be in place for at least the fall season, and Stratton

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Help feature your student athletes

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The fall season is starting and Turley Publications is looking forward to getting back out on the field to bring you the high school action for all your favorite teams.

We know this fall season is important to many senior athletes, who watched Class of 2020 lose their entire spring season.

We're asking for help on this upcoming season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in.

We have a limited number of staff to start the school year due to the pandemic, and while we strive to get to as many games as possible, we cannot get to everywhere.

If you are a parent, coach, or even player, and you have information or photographs to share, we definitely want to hear from you.

If you don't see one of our photographers at a game, please feel free to send your own action photos of games in order to bolster our coverage. If you are interested in regularly submitted photos, please do contact us.

Otherwise, we would love to hear from anyone who reports scores, details, and any milestones that occur during this unprecedented season. Please be sure the information you provide us is accurate and check with coaches, if necessary, before submitting.

We also encourage all coaches to submit their results and details as much as possible. Send any and all information and photos for inclusion to sports@turley.com.

Regional sports return

Youth soccer in the Roots Athletic League got underway with action starting Saturday, Sept. 19. Teams from Granby, Southwick, Agawam, Belchertown, South Hadley, and Wilbraham were all in action through the Pioneer Valley. With all sports restarting with limited action, Turley Publications welcomes any and all information about whatever sports your youth are participating in. Please submit photos and games results or other information to sports@turley.com.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Robie clinches modified title, other crowns up for grabs

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Trevor Bleau (Troy, NH) won the race Saturday night at Monadnock Speedway that had eluded him all season. But, while Bleau won the battle, Brian Robie won the war.

With Robie's strong third-place outing in Saturday's NHSTRA Modified main event, the Sunapee star clinched the 2020 track title. The speedway's other four divisional crowns, however, will all wait to be decided on the final day of the season.

Bleau, the runner-up a week earlier, was one of three first-of-the-season feature winners Saturday. On the fourteenth event of the summer, Emerson Cayer (Contoocook, NH) and C.J. Johnson (Keene, NH) also



Submitted photo

Belchertown's Chris Buffone captured the street stock event.

earned their first victory laps of the year.

While Cayer made easy work of scoring Saturday's 50-lap NHSTRA Battle for The Belt Mini Stock feature, Gordon



Trevor Bleau was a winner in the modified race, his first win of the season.

Farnum – a six-time 2020 feature winner – cruised quietly to a fifth-place finish and, with it, the championship of the multi-track Belt series.

Cameron Houle and Bleau

raced under a blanket for the first ten laps of the Modified go-round, with Bleau then using the low groove to take command

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Mutiny’s Howarth signs with Pride

LUDLOW, MA - UWS Player of the Year, Kate Howarth, has signed a professional contract with the Orlando Pride of the National Women’s Soccer League (NWSL). With the recent departure of US National Team star Alex Morgan to Tottenham Hotspur and Taylor Kornieck on loan to German club MSV Duisburg, Howarth is among a forwards group that includes Brazilian legend Marta and former USWNT member Sydney Leroux.

Howarth, who played collegiately for the University of Miami (2009-2012) is the all-time leading scorer for the New England Mutiny of United Women’s Soccer (UWS). This will be the second go-around in NWSL for Howarth after having been discovered off the New England Mutiny roster in 2012 by the Boston Breakers. Howarth returned to the Mutiny in 2014 where she would be a fixture at the forward position for the next six years for the western Mass-based club. She tallied a club record 69 goals for the Mutiny. Along with her 17 career assists, Howarth also tops the list at 155 points scored for the New England franchise that was established in 1999.

“I can confidently say that I would not be where I am today if I had not been asked to play for the New England Mutiny. I would not have been given a chance with the Boston Breakers and would not have been able to develop as a player to get to this point. Joe (Ferrara, Mutiny team owner) has created a competitive



Kate Howarth has been signed by the Orlando Pride of the NWSL. She was a standout striker for the New England Mutiny

environment that has drawn high level players across New England year after year,” stated Howarth. At age 29, a professional career for Howarth in the NWSL seemed a longshot, but the Mutiny captain amassed a stellar campaign last season for the Mutiny that could not be overlooked by NWSL scouts as she was invited to pre-season camp by five NWSL teams before settling in Orlando. Howarth finished the season with 20 goals scored and 4 assists. “What made Kate’s season ex-

traordinary was that she scored in every regular season game and both playoff games. Whatever metrics an organization uses to evaluate a player they can toss those out the window when someone can produce like that against high quality competition. Kudos to Orlando for signing Kate as they will find her passion and work ethic contagious. Her impact on the Mutiny organization and to me personally is indescribable” added Ferrara. Howarth was selected to the UWS Team of the Week on five



Howarth was part of a special team last season that nearly made the championship game last year.

occasions in 2019 and currently stands as the only player in UWS to top 100 points scored. “UWS gave me a place to develop, learn, and become the player I am today. The league gave me the opportunity to play with so many high-level players throughout the years, all of which taught me things that I have taken with me. Above anything, I think it gave me the chance to learn how to be a leader and instilled the confidence I needed to walk out with my new teammates today,” added Howarth.

Tri-County to hold golf tournament

BELCHERTOWN – The Tri-County Baseball League, the premier adult baseball league in Western Massachusetts, will hold its annual golf tournament at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown on Saturday, Oct. 3 with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$80 per player. If you’re unable to play, there are donations and hole sponsorships available. The tournament will include lunch during the round, raffle, closest to the pin, longest drive, and a special 50/50 drawing. For more information, go to www.tri-countybaseball.net. The registration form is on that website.

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ton said unless a specific school makes a more stringent restriction, a limited number of fans will be allowed indoors to watch volleyball games as well. Stratton said participants in the contests, such as players, coaches, and officials, do not count toward the 50 restriction for gatherings. The MIAA has set an Oct. 1 date for the start of games. There will be approximately 10 to 12 contests for soccer, field hockey, and girls volleyball, allowing parents approximately 5 to 6 chances to see games this season. Parents and athletes should check with their specific high school’s athletic department for details on that school’s fan rules.



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By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE – Price Rite Marketplace, recently partnered with the Revival Time Evangelistic Center, a Springfield-based church, helping locals in need.

On Sept. 10 in the parking lot of the Knights of Columbus on Memorial Dr., the supermarket hosted a distribution event that provided 800 local families a 25-pound box of food and a 15-pound box of essentials that included shampoo, conditioner, lotion, personal care items and additional shelf stable items.

“It’s critical; the need is always there in any event that comes up, and this one is bigger than most of them,” said Price Rite President Jim Dorey referring to the COVID-19 pandemic. “We know that taking care of our communities is part of the business, and this is just another opportunity. It’s fun for everybody, and the energy is really awesome.”

The initiative was a collaboration between Price Rite, the Evangelistic Center, Nabisco, Frito Lay and Feed the Children, a charity dedicated to fighting hunger. Feed the Children contacted the Evangelistic Center, which identified families in need prior to the event.

“It’s our job, basically, to gather up the families because we’re so familiar with the people who are homeless or don’t have food to eat. They reach out to us and ask us every year to give 800 families, and we do that,” said Rebecca Roman, Director of the Evangelistic Center’s food pantry.

Dorey participated in the Sept. 10 distribution of essentials alongside Chicopee Mayor John Vieau, Feed the Children representative Joe Allegro and Senior Pastor Steven Williams, head of the Evangelistic Center. The charitable festivity was one of many Dorey has experienced with Price Rite, and all have been equally impactful.

“You can’t say enough about how rewarding it is for all of us,” said Dorey,



Photos by Dalton Zbierski

Senior Pastor Steven R. Williams Sr. of the Revival Time Evangelistic Center, a Springfield-based church, participated in a charity event coordinated by Price Rite on Sept. 10.

referring to Price Rite’s slate of community-based projects.

Dorey said Price Rite partners with Feed the Children about eight to 10 times per year. At each initiative, the support of local community-minded entities such as the Springfield-based center is essential.

“They are special partnerships. Without any one piece of it, it would make it extremely difficult,” he said.

The Evangelistic Center established its relationship with Feed the Children approximately five years ago; both parties have joined together on numerous occasions. Roman said the center cherishes the prosperous relationship and the progress its forged.

“It is absolutely incredible. To me, it’s like putting a dent when you couldn’t before,” she said. “Every time we feed 800 families, we’re putting a dent in this hunger problem. To be a part of such an initiative that really thinks about people who are hungry and who are in need is special, and we really appreciate it.”

Dorey noted that he supplies offered at each distribution event is contingent on both the location and environment; for instance, items distributed after a severe weather event may be different than those



Members of the Revival Time Evangelistic Center in Springfield worked alongside Price Rite and Feed the Children to offer food and essential needs to 800 families.

given out during a pandemic or during a recession.

“The mix does change from time to time,” said Dorey. “Sometimes we try to get some school supplies in there; there’s different themes throughout different times of the year. Sometimes it’s the availability of what’s being donated and what manufacturers are coming in.”

Many vendors contribute to Price Rite’s charity events, but a large amount of the distributed items come directly from the shelves of local Price Rite facilities. Dorey considers it a privilege to be a member of a “well-oiled” machine that prioritizes the welfare of the community and offers a variety of goods.

“We’re always pushing to do more,” said Dorey. “Some of the cleaning supplies and the shampoos and the hygiene items are just kind of extras because some of the families will go to a food pantry or kitchen, and there will only be food so we want to throw in this extra bonus on top and hope that it’s a nice treat for the families.”

More information on the Evangelistic Center can be found online at <http://revivaltimeministries.org> or by dialing 413-734-4861.



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Cooper’s accepting donations for Dress for Success

AGAWAM – For a limited time Cooper’s Gifts Apparel Home of Agawam is accepting donations of professional attire for Dress for Success of Western Massachusetts.

Interview-appropriate women’s clothing, shoes and accessories will be collected at Coopers through Sept. 30.

“We invite everyone to Fall-clean their closets and change a life,” said Kate Gourde, owner of Cooper’s Gifts Apparel Home.

Donations must be like-new, clean and on hangers. All professional attire is welcome, but DFS has expressed that their greatest current needs are for petite and plus sizes, like-new shoes, especially size eight and up and purses. No casual clothing, please.

“Just ask yourself ‘Would I wear this to an interview?’ If the answer is yes, Dress for Success can put it to good use,” Gourde said.

The mission of Dress for Success (DFS) is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. They provide each client with professional attire to secure employment, but they are about much more than simply a new outfit. Besides physically equipping the client with apparel and accessories, their programs furnish her with a confidence that she carries forever and the knowledge that she can actively define her life, the direction she takes and what success means to her.

“We have held clothing drives for DFS for years; our customers consider it a convenience. Especially for people West of the river, it’s easier to bring donations here than up to the DFS Boutique on Boston Road,” Gourde said. Items may be brought to the shop anytime during the month of September. Cooper’s is located at 161 Main St., Agawam, and is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“This drive coincides with Dress for Success as our September Round Up charity; so it’s the perfect time to spread the word of their mission and really help them out,” Gourde said. Each month Gourde chooses a local charity to receive the profits of the store’s Round Up program through which customers are invited to round up their purchase total to the next dollar amount. Gourde will then match 50% of the total collected. The program has donated nearly \$25,000 to local organizations since its inception in 2014.

More information on the Round Up program and how to nominate a charity, may be found on Cooper’s website www.coopers-gifts.com/round-up/

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and never look back. Ben Byrne, needing desperately to make up big ground on Robie, got up for second on lap 25 but had nothing more for Bleau.

Robie, charging from row five, swiped third from Houle on the final corner of the 40-lapper; more than enough to clinch the 2020 Modified crown. He is currently fourth nationally in NASCAR Division 1 points.

Eleven-time LMS winner Aaron Fellows left Saturday’s feature on the hook before a lap had been completed, the victim of someone else’s blunder. That gave Robert Hagar (Windsor, VT) a chance to close the championship points battle entering the season finale, and Hagar took full advantage of the opening.

Hagar stormed past Justin Littlewood on lap two and roared off to his second win of the summer. Teen star Camdyn Curtis equaled his season’s best in the runner-up slot, and Littlewood came home third.

In the Mini Stock 50-lapper, Cayer took the lead from Nathan Wenzel on lap 12 and quickly social-distanced himself from the pack to score his first Monadnock win of

the summer. Louie Maher, the 2019 track titlist, was second, but had nothing for Cayer. Wenzel, strong in third, went home 20 points behind Farnum.

Jeff Asselin, seventh on the night, stayed out of trouble to leapfrog Jake Puchalski for top 2020 Mini Stock rookie honors, taking a two-point advantage in that competition into next Saturday’s season finale. Gordon Farnum (Fitzwilliam, NH) won the 2020 Mini Stock Battle for the Belt Championship.

The hard-charging Curtis twins, Jar-et and Chase, came into Saturday’s Street Stock feature tied atop the points parade. Number three man Chris Buffone (Belcher-town, Ma) needed a statement run to keep his championship hopes alive, and he accomplished exactly that.

Rocketing into the lead on lap two, Buffone sailed to his third win of the summer, getting the job done with his uncle, Tommy O’Sullivan, glued to his bumper. Last season’s top gun, Dave Greenslit, was strong in third and, at the end of the night, Chase Curtis went home two points ahead of brother Jar-et, with Buffone still in the hunt, 28 back.

Firing from row three, C.J. Johnson took control of the Pure Stock feature on lap three and then checked out on the field to score his first win of the summer. Chris Davis, needing to make big inroads on points leader Mike Douglas, took second on lap five but, with Douglas quickly pulling up to his bumper, could make only a minimal gain.

Douglas enters next Saturday’s Championship Night event 36 points ahead of Davis, who, still mathematically alive in the title hunt, is the only 2019 champion capable of repeating that success.

Monadnock Speedway will conclude its pandemic-abbreviated 2020 racing season when it hosts its annual Championship Night races – with four divisional crowns still undecided, and many extras scheduled - next Saturday, September 26. Post time for that event is 2 p.m.

MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY SEPTEMBER 19 RESULTS:

Pure Stocks - CJ Johnson, Chris Davis, Mike Douglas, Dylan Adams, Jimmy Zellman, Cory Lofland, JD Stockwell, Nick Houle, Jake Bosse, Jason Leray, Tucker Houle, Ryan Lawliss, Matt Lambert, Trev-

or Carey, Brandon Lavoie

Late Model Sportsman - Robert Hagar, Camdyn Curtis, Justin Littlewood, John Meany, James Beck, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Chris Balls, Cole Littlewood, Dan Comeau, Ronald Laperche, Aaron Fellows, Tyler Lescord (DNS)

Mini Stocks - Emerson Cayer, Louie Maher, Nathan Wenzel, Kevin Cormier, Gordon Farnum, Pat Houle, Jeff Asselin, Tim Leblanc, Bill Chaffee, Jake Puchalski, Kevin McKnight, Ray King, Dan Sweeney, Kevin Clayton, Matt Sonnhalter, David Thibodeau (DNS)

Mini Stock Battle for the Belt Champion - Gordon Farnum

Street Stocks - Chris Buffone, Tommy O’Sullivan, Dave Greenslit, Mike Radzuik, Chase Curtis, Jaret Curtis, Hillary Renaud, Ed Brehio III, Robbie Streeter, Tim Wenzel, Bryan Granger, Paul Barnard (DNS)

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Big E announces food to go drive-thru

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Authentic Big E food favorites will again be made available to fair fans from throughout the region at the Big E food-to-go drive thru, sponsored by Westfield Bank, on Sept. 22 to 27; Sept. 29 to Oct. 4; Oct. 6 to 11; Oct. 13 to 18. Hours of operation are: Tuesday to Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All vendors are the same folks our fair patrons return each year to see and count on to provide top quality, innovative, fun, authentic fair foods they developed specifically for The Big E. Each week, Tuesday through Sunday, the Drive Thru will feature three different vendors who will bring their iconic Big E foods to the grounds.

There is a \$5 per vehicle entry fee and reservations for a specific time slot must be made online in advance. Guests may secure as many time slots as they wish per week at \$5 per vehicle reservation.

Tickets for the first week, Sept. 22 to 27, go on sale Thursday, Sept. 17 at 10am. Food purchases are not included in the vehicle entry fee. During the week

of Sept. 22 to 27, a special offer will be made available to purchase discounted tickets to the 2021 Big E. Each week will bring a different special offer and will be announced on social media.

The time slot process will reduce traffic and provide shorter wait times for guests. The safety of patrons is of the utmost importance and local and state COVID-19 guidelines are being strictly enforced for visitors, employees, and vendors while on the grounds.

“We were overwhelmed with the support we received during our first food drive thru. It’s clear The Big E will be missed, and this is our way of creating a safe, socially distant opportunity to present the genuine foods people have come to know and love, and continue to create memories for our guests,” ESE President and CEO, Gene Cassidy, said. “This is the real thing!”

A maximum of fifty cars per hour within two-hour time slots will be registered each day. All time slot selections are final and are as follows:

- Tuesday to Thursday: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- Fridays: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.; 2 to 4 p.m.; 4 to 6 p.m.; and 6 to 8 p.m.
- Saturdays and Sundays: 9am to 11am; 11am to 1pm; 1pm to 3pm; 3pm to 5pm and 5pm to 7pm.

Guests may arrive any time during their time slot, but no more than 30 minutes before their reservation.

The drive thru is open to standard passenger vehicles only. Pedestrians, bikes, motorcycles, busses, RVs, limousines, commercial passenger vans, oversized vehicles and trailers are not permitted.

All vehicles will follow a one-way route through the fairgrounds passing by each vendor. A bypass lane is available along the route. Please note—restrooms will not be open. There will be limited public portable toilets available.

Guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles at all times and wear face masks or coverings when ordering and accepting food. Vendors will work quickly to take orders, process cash and credit card payments and deliver food to the vehicles.

More information and tickets are available at: www.TheBigE.com

- Big E food-to-go drive through menu Sept. 22 to 27**
- Butcher Boys**
- Steak Sandwich - \$11
 - Italian Sausage Grinder - \$11
 - Chicken Pita - \$11
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- Calabrese Market & Grill
- Cotton Candy - \$6
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 - Candy Apple - \$4
 - Popcorn - \$5
 - Kettle Corn – small, \$5; medium, \$7; large, \$10; extra large, \$15
 - Kosher Dill or half sour pickle - \$2.50
 - Bucket of Seven Pickles - \$17
- Piche’s Concessions**
- Beignets, Funnel Cake, Fried Dough, Fried Oreos, Fried Reese’s or Fried Snickers - \$8 each
 - Toppings: Strawberry, Chocolate and Caramel - \$2
- In addition to menu items mentioned above, many vendors will also offer soda, water and some additional sides. All vendors will accept cash or credit card payment.

Learn about Holyoke’s Continental Connection

Belle Skinner and the Rebuilding of Interwar France Presented by Joe Maspo

VIRTUAL – An upcoming event through Wistariahurst Museum on Thursday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

For those who lived in northeastern France, the end of World War One did not mean a return to life as normal. After facing years of devastation, villages up and down the Alsace-Lorraine could finally begin the slow rebuilding process. Join us to hear the story of how Belle Skinner, a hometown philanthropist, earned the French Legion of Honor and cemented her place as the region’s “godmother,” a nickname still used by local

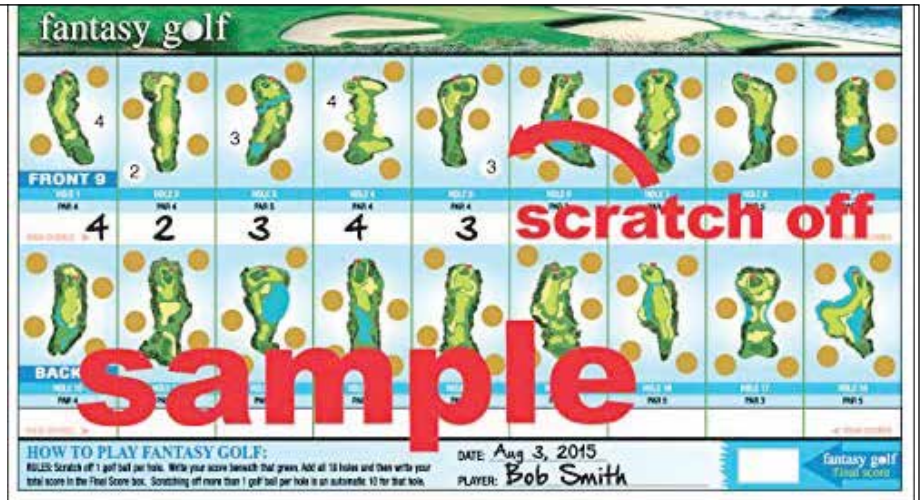
residents today. Explore the fascinating history behind a monumental fundraising effort that transformed a region and uncover a legacy that stretches over three thousand miles from western Massachusetts to the town square intersection of Rue Belle Skinner and Place d’Holyoke in rural Meuse.

This program is free and open to all. Advance registration is required.

This program is supported through a Community Development Block Grant - COVID-19 Grant to address, prevent, and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic that is administered through the Holyoke Office of Community Development.

Additional support has been provided through NEH CARES Act funding granted by Mass Humanities.

A Jimmy Fund “virtual” Putt-a-thon



Courtesy photo

This year’s Putt-a-thon will include fantasy gold scratch cards to keep the golf component of the competition.

BELCHERTOWN– Even during a pandemic cancer research is as important as ever, so Putt-A-Thon organizers created a “virtual Putt-a-thon” to be held the week of Oct. 5 to 9.

Here’s how this year’s Putt-a-thon will happen:

- The 16th annual virtual Putt-a-thon will be a full week from Oct. 5 to 9.
- To keep the “golf component,” organizers tracked down a concept called “fantasy golf scratch cards.” The number of cards donors receive will be based on a donation amount to the Putt-a-thon. Simply scratch off one golf ball on each hole, add up your score and let Putt-a-thon organizers know your total. Prizes will be awarded for low and high scores.
- Donations in any amount are needed – checks payable to the Jimmy Fund can be mailed to Bell & Hudson (c/o Bell & Hudson Insurance, PO Box 669, Belchertown MA 01007) or dropped in Bell & Hudson’s locked drop box.
- Make an online donation with a credit card on event website: www.jimmyfundputtathon.org.

Donations of \$50 and above will receive one scratch ticket and \$100 donations will receive two scratch tickets and an event t-shirt.

Visit the Putt-a-thon website for more information, or email/call Bell & Hudson Insurance (puttathon@bellandhudson.com).

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NFPA and Domino’s launch online sweepstakes

Will recognize U.S. fire departments during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4 to 10

REGION – In honor of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4 to 10, the National Fire Protection Association and Domino’s are teaming up to launch an online sweepstakes that helps thank and recognize local U.S. fire departments for their year-round efforts to keep the public safe from fire and other hazards.

“Fire departments work tirelessly to keep their communities safe from fire and other emergencies, often putting their own health and safety on the line to help protect others,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA. “This year in particular has presented unique challenges for fire departments, who have served on the frontlines of the pandemic.”

NFPA and Domino’s encourage any and all individuals to nominate their local fire department for submission into the sweepstakes. Fifteen fire departments will be randomly selected and receive a \$100 eGift card from Domino’s. Nominations must be submitted online by Sept. 30; winners will be officially announced during Fire Prevention Week.

“People want to express their thanks and appreciation to first responders, but they often don’t know how. This year’s Fire Prevention Week sweepstakes serves as a simple but important way to do just that,” said Carli.

For the previous 12 years, NFPA and Domino’s have joined forces to promote fire safety during Fire Prevention Week through a local program which matches fire departments with their local Domino’s store to conduct smoke alarm checks in their communities.

“Our fire safety program is always a tremendous success, with participation and impact growing steadily each year,” said Jenny Fouracre, Domino’s spokesperson. “This year, we wanted to do even more, and help give back to fire departments across the U.S. We hope everyone joins in by nominating their local department.”

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week – the oldest public health observance on record – for more than 95 years. This year’s theme is “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen,” which focuses on cooking safety; cooking equipment is the leading cause of U.S. home fires and home fire injuries.

Pioneer Valley Planning advises public to be septic smart

REGION – If your household relies on a septic system for disposal of sanitary sewage, September is a great time to make sure all is properly functioning.

Septic systems are typically designed to treat wastewater from your home before it filters into the soil and replenishes the groundwater that feeds local lakes and rivers, and in many cases, drinking water supply wells. So proper function is not only important to avoiding major problems in your household, but also to ensuring clean drinking water and ensuring fishable-swimmable rivers and lakes.

Members of the Connecticut River Stormwater Committee, a regional coalition of 19 municipalities plus UMass Amherst, encourage all septic system

owners to take the following five steps recommended by MassDEP:

Inspect your system at least once every three years. A reputable, permitted septage hauler can advise you on the frequency of pumping needed for your particular household. For homes with garbage disposals, pumping once a year is recommended.

Limit the use of your kitchen sink garbage disposal and flush only human waste down your toilets. This will keep your system working optimally and reduce the overall frequency of maintenance.

Properly dispose of hazardous or toxic substances, such as medicines, household chemicals, solvents, etc. These substances are not treated by

your septic system and contaminate groundwater.

Avoid driving over, parking on, or doing construction over your system and tank as this can impact proper function of your system.

Conserve water to reduce the amount of liquid your system has to process, and thereby extend its lifespan.

Pumping a septic tank is critical to ensuring that the system properly treats waste. Accumulated solids at the bottom of a tank can prevent the system from doing its job. If a septic system is not in good working order, it can also flood and cause sewage backup into yards or homes.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Principal Environmental Planner

Patty Gambarini, who facilitates the Connecticut River Stormwater Committee notes, “While you can imagine how harmful raw sewage could be to your property, it is also important to note the harm a faulty septic system can cause to drinking water and local waterways.”

More information on maintaining septic systems is available at the state website, <https://www.mass.gov/guides/caring-for-your-septic-system>, or the Think Blue Connecticut River website, <https://thinkblueconnecticutriver.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/MaintainingSeptic-Updated-for-PV.pdf>

For more information contact Pat Beaudry, pbeaudry@pvpc.org or 413-210-4658

The benefits of local newspapers

Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

• **Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities.** Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what’s going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents’ lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

• **Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses.** Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

• **Local newspapers can strengthen communities.** Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

• **Local newspapers can benefit children.** National newspapers may have



little age-appropriate content to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary

than nonreaders. Additional studies have indicated that students who use newspapers in the classroom perform better on standardized reading tests than those who do not use newspapers in class.

Many local newspapers have played vital roles in their communities for decades, providing a go-to resource for local readers and business owners.

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A project walk-thru is planned for Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 10:00 am.

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**Bridgette Sullivan,
Executive Director
9/25/2020**

**Town of Granby
Massachusetts
Conservation
Commission**

The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on **Tuesday October 13, 2020** at*1 Library Lane-Old Carnegie Library-Top Floor to consider the following:

1. **At 7:30 p.m.** "RDA" filed by Joseph Dickinson, applicant

see whether the area/work depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act with regards to property located as Lot 2- Amherst Street known as Map 1 Block D Part of Parcel 2 in the Town of Granby.

2. **At 7:30 p.m.** "RDA" filed by Annette Kumiega, applicant see whether the area/work depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act or any municipal wetlands ordinance or bylaw of the Town of Granby with regards to property located as Lot 3 Easton Street and known as known as Map 1 Block E Lot 3 in the Town of Granby.

***This meeting may have to be held in a remote session.** Please go to <https://www.granby-ma.gov/conservation-commission/agenda-conservation-commission-19> 48 hours before the meeting to check on the status of the meeting

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Anyone interested, and wishing to be heard, should appear at the time and place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this "RDA"are available for inspection during regular business hours at Granby Town Hall.

**Edward Chapdelaine,
Vice Chair
Granby Conservation
Commission
9/25/2020**

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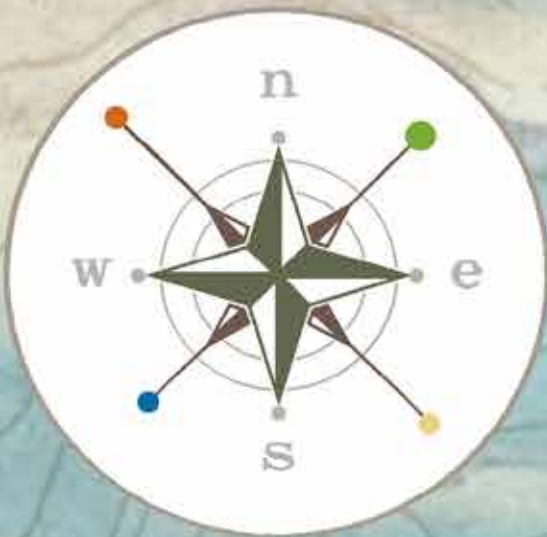
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